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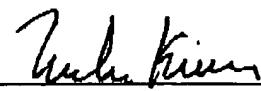
The applicants hereby appeal to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the decision of the Examiner dated May 13, 2002, finally rejecting claims 1-2, 4-15, and 17-36 (not claims 1-2, 7-15, and 17-36 as indicated on page 1 (the Office Action Summary) of the Office Action of May 13, 2002). Submitted herewith is a credit card payment form in payment of the fee of \$320.00 required for filing this Notice of Appeal.

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